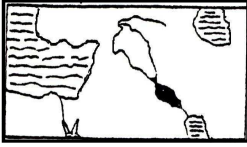


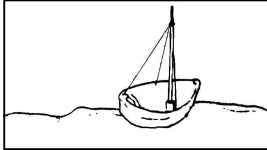
# Questions to Ask About a Culture

## 1. Geography



- The land is dry
- The land is covered with short grasses
- Trees and bushes grew near the river banks

## 2. Economics



- Traded with neighbours
- Traded extra clothing, oil, wood, grain and leather for precious stone, metal, timber and vegetables they could not grow
- Transported goods by donkeys, oxen and boats

## 3. Religion and Philosophy



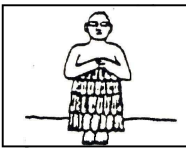
- Worshiped 3000 deities
- Built pyramid like temples called ziggurat to worship deities
- Each ziggurat named after different deity; Sumerians believed that a deity lived on top of each ziggurat

## 4. Knowledge, Education, and the Arts



- Sons of wealthy families went to school
- Studied arithmetic, reading, writing and religious studies
- Started early morning and ended late afternoon

## 5. Political Science



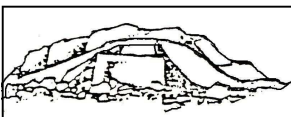
- Strong city-states conquered weaker governments
- Hammurabi, great king of Babylon passed his laws on “an eye for eye”
- When ruler dies, a relative takes over

## 6. Sociology



- Men– head of household
- Women– financially dependant on husbands
- Anyone could be a slave due to debt, bad luck or being captured in war

## 7. History



- First written language in Mesopotamia
- First irrigate fields
- Improved potter making process by using a kiln